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 For: A Thin Film Transistor Device With A)
 Contact Terminal)
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 Art Unit: 2811)

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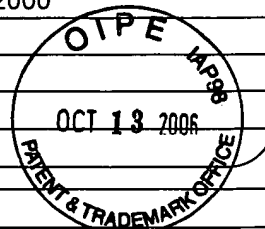
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